

# Summary of last lecture

- Database System Structure
- Functions of DBA
- Data Model - types
  - Relational
  - Network
  - Hierarchical

# Entity-Relationship(E-R) Model

- The entity-relationship (E-R) data model uses a collection of basic objects, called **entities**, and **relationships** among these objects.
- E-R Diagram is a visual representation of data, that describes how data is related to each other.
- **Entity** – An entity in an ER Model is a “thing” or “object ” in the real-world having properties called **attributes**.

# E-R Model

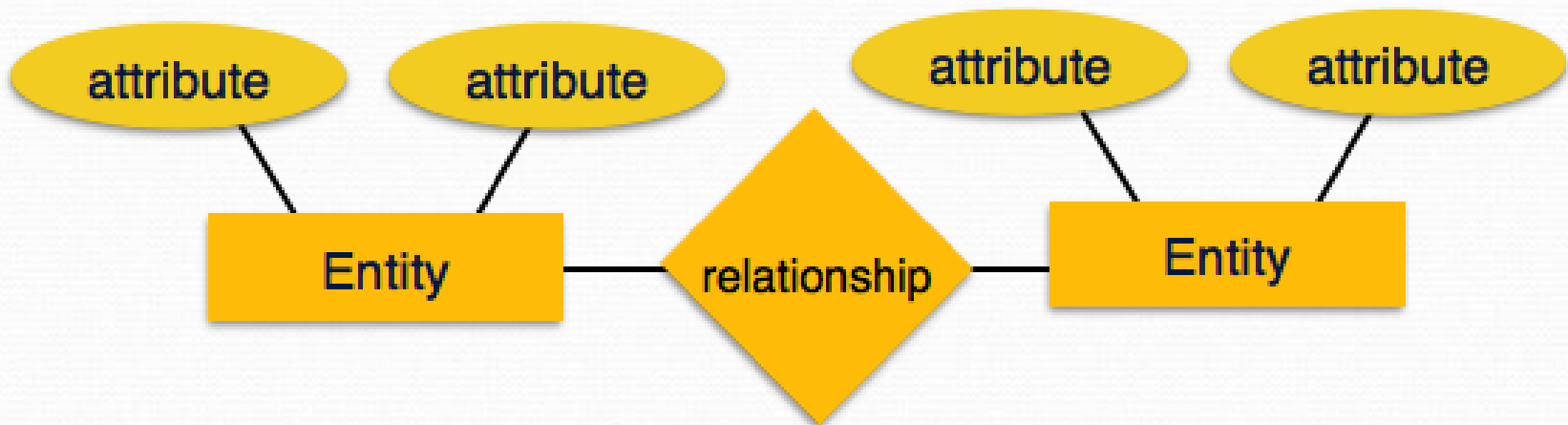
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- An **Entity set** is a set of entities of the same type that share the same properties, or attributes.
- **Attributes-** Entities are represented by means of their properties, called **attributes**. All attributes have values.  
For example, a student entity may have name, class, and age as attributes.
- Every **attribute** is defined by its set of values called **domain**.  
For example, a student's name cannot be a numeric value. It has to be alphabetic. A student's age cannot be negative, etc.

# E-R Model

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- E-R Model is based on –
  - **Entities** and their attributes.
  - **Relationships** among entities.



# E-R Model

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## Types of Attributes

- Simple attribute
- Composite attribute
- Derived attribute
- Single-valued attribute
- Multivalued attribute



## **E-R Model    Contd...**

- **Simple attribute** – Simple attributes consist of atomic values, which cannot be divided further.
  - For example, a student's phone number is an atomic value of 10 digits
- **Composite attribute** – Composite attributes are made of more than one simple attribute.
  - For example, a student's complete name may have first\_name and last\_name.
- **Derived attribute** – Derived attributes are the attributes that do not exist in the physical database, but their values are derived from other attributes present in the database.
  - For another example, age can be derived from data\_of\_birth.

## **E-R Model    Contd...**

- **Single-valued attribute** – Single-valued attributes contain single value.
  - For example – Social\_Security\_Number.
- **Multivalued attribute** – Multivalued attributes may contain more than one values.
  - For example, a person can have more than one phone number, email\_address, etc

## E-R Model    Contd...

- **Relationship** – The logical association among entities is called *relationship*.
- **Relationship Set-** A set of relationships of similar type is called a relationship set. Like entities, a relationship too can have attributes. These attributes are called *descriptive attributes*.



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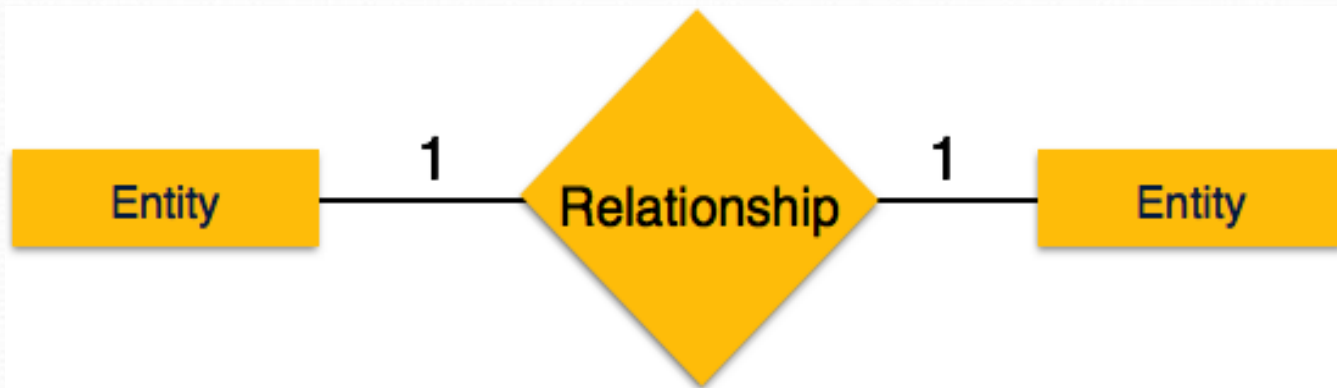
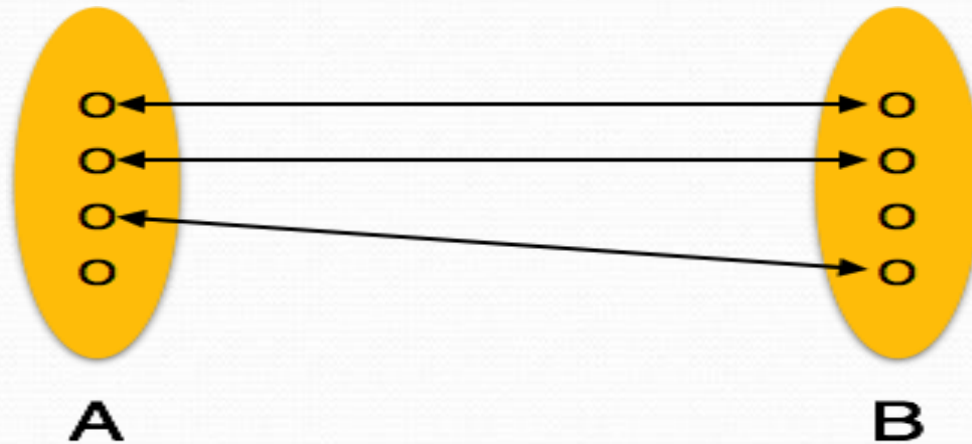
### **Mapping cardinalities –**

*Cardinality* defines the number of entities in one entity set, which can be associated with the number of entities of other set via relationship set.

- one to one
- one to many
- many to one
- many to many

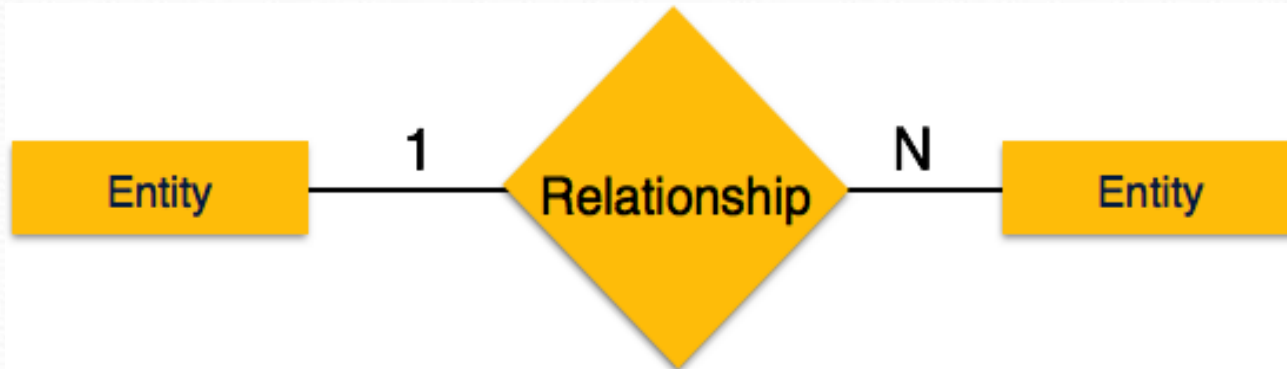
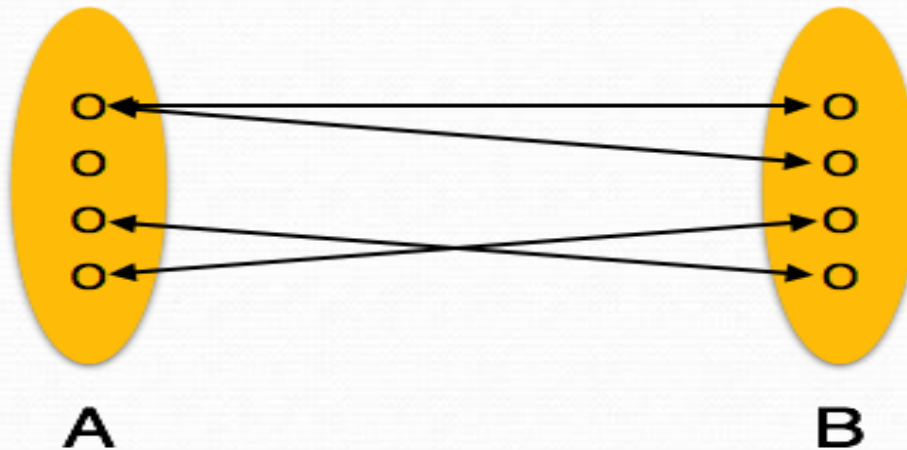
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- **One-to-one** - One entity from entity set A can be associated with at most one entity of entity set B and vice versa.



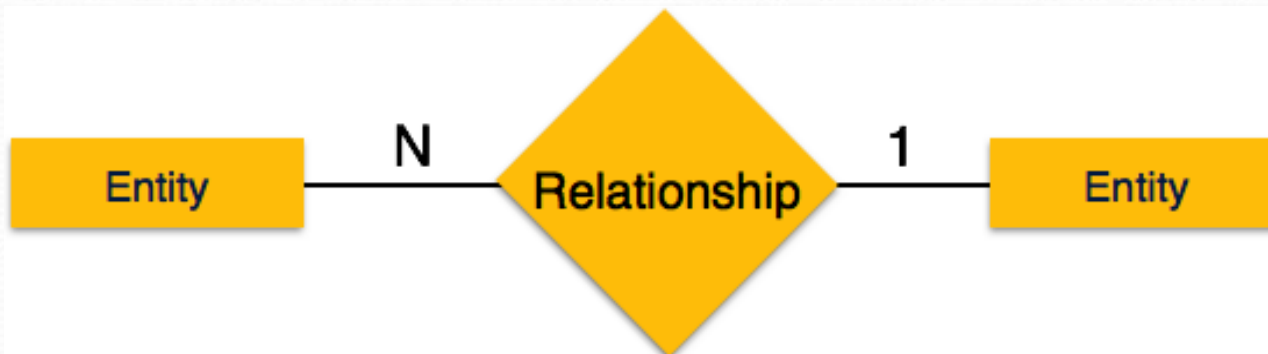
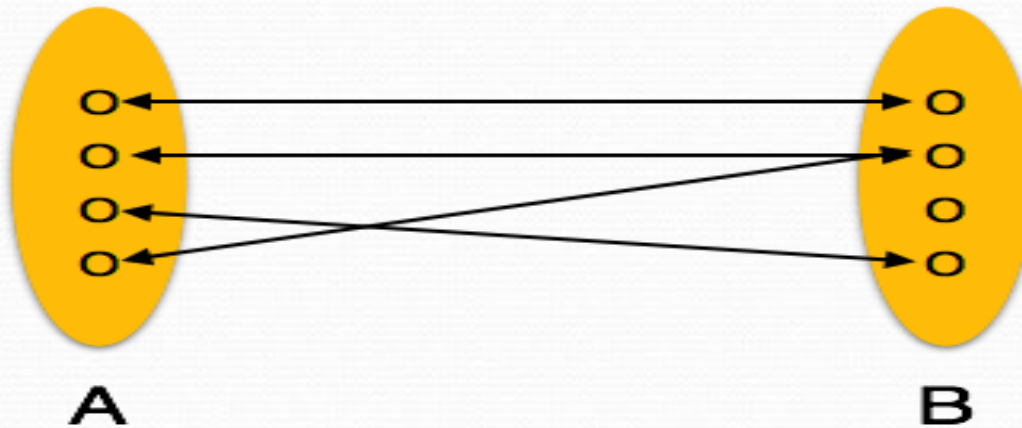
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**One-to-many** – One entity from entity set A can be associated with more than one entities of entity set B however an entity from entity set B, can be associated with at most one entity.



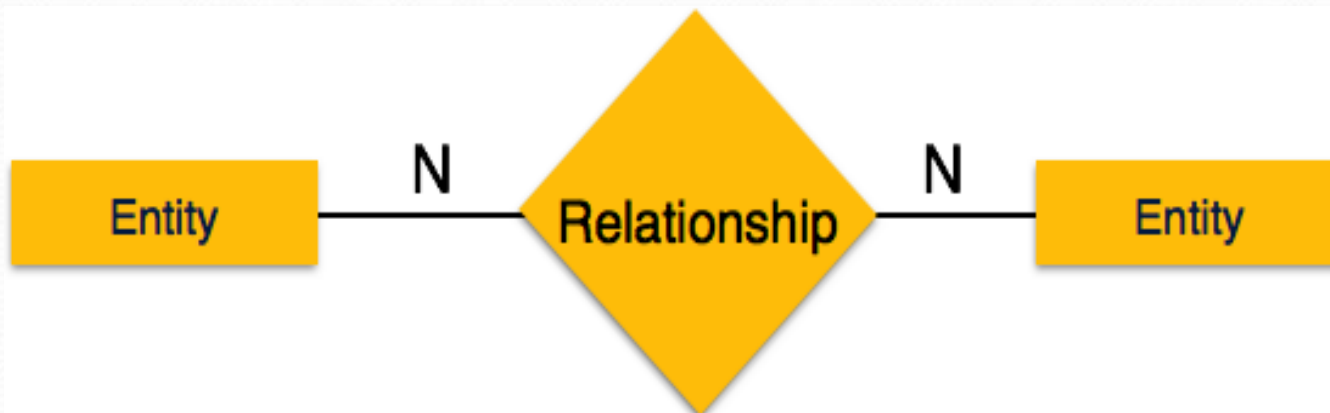
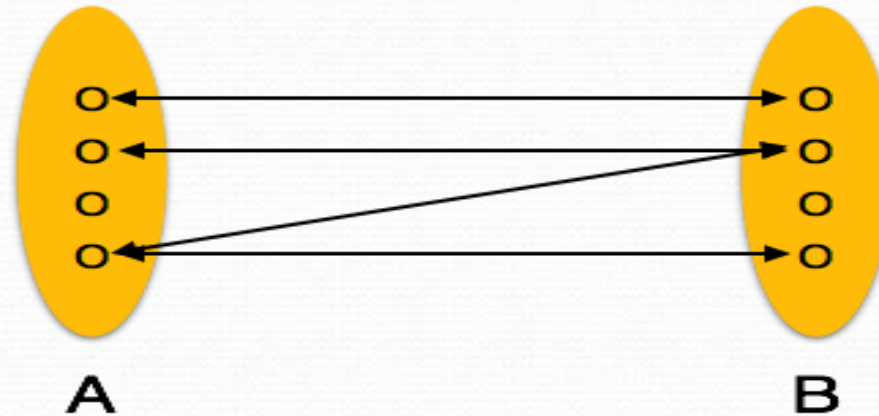
## E-R Model Contd...

- **Many-to-one** – More than one entities from entity set A can be associated with at most one entity of entity set B, however an entity from entity set B can be associated with more than one entity from entity set A.



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**Many-to-many** – One entity from A can be associated with more than one entity from B and vice versa.

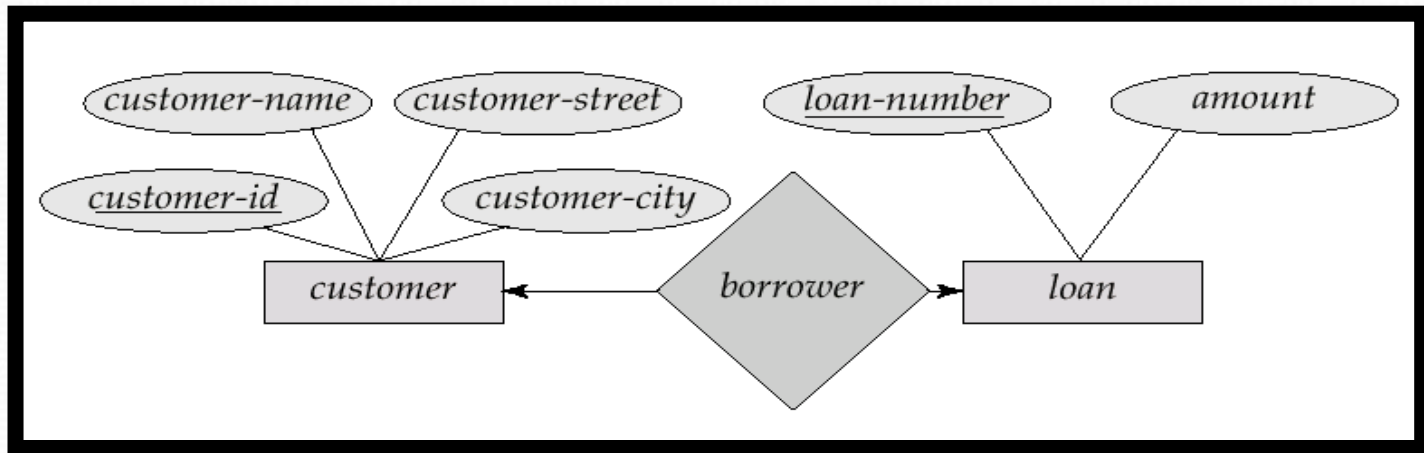




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### ● Cardinality Constraints

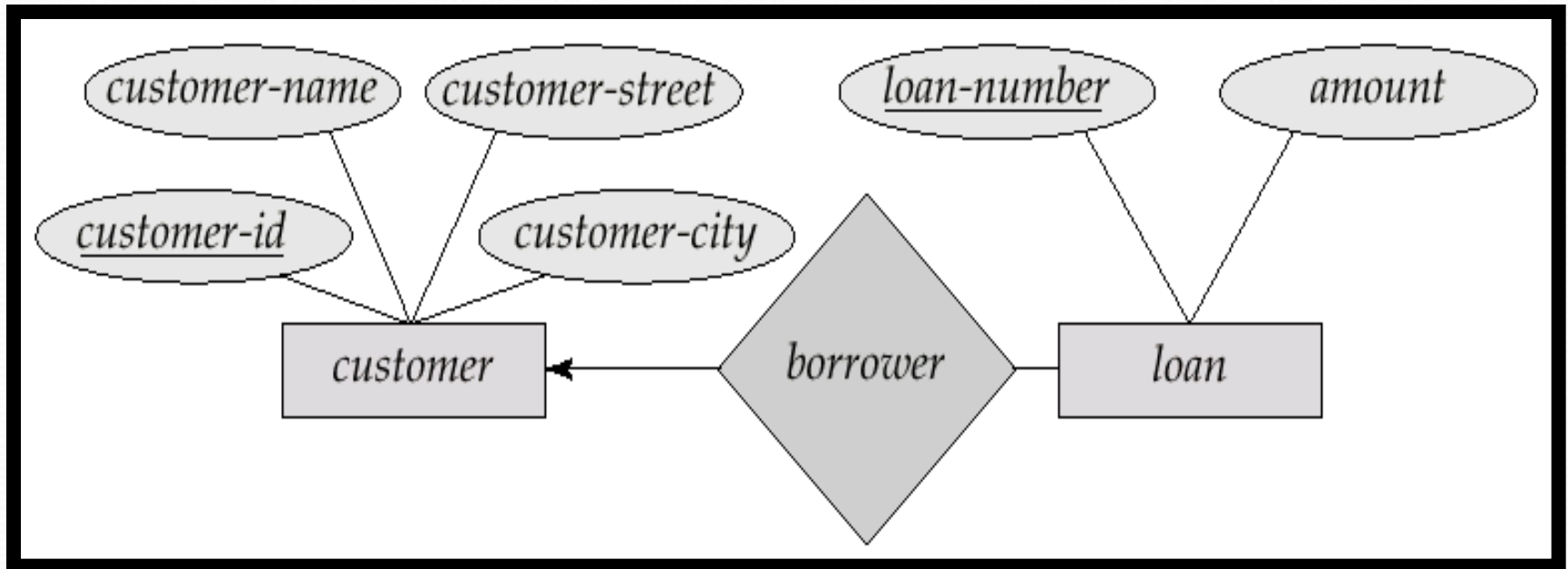
- We express cardinality constraints by drawing either a directed line ( $\rightarrow$ ), signifying “one,” or an undirected line ( $—$ ), signifying “many,” between the relationship set and the entity set.
- E.g.: **One-to-one relationship:**
  - ✓ A customer is associated with at most one loan via the relationship borrower
  - ✓ A loan is associated with at most one customer via borrower



## E-R Model    Contd...

### ● Cardinality Constraints

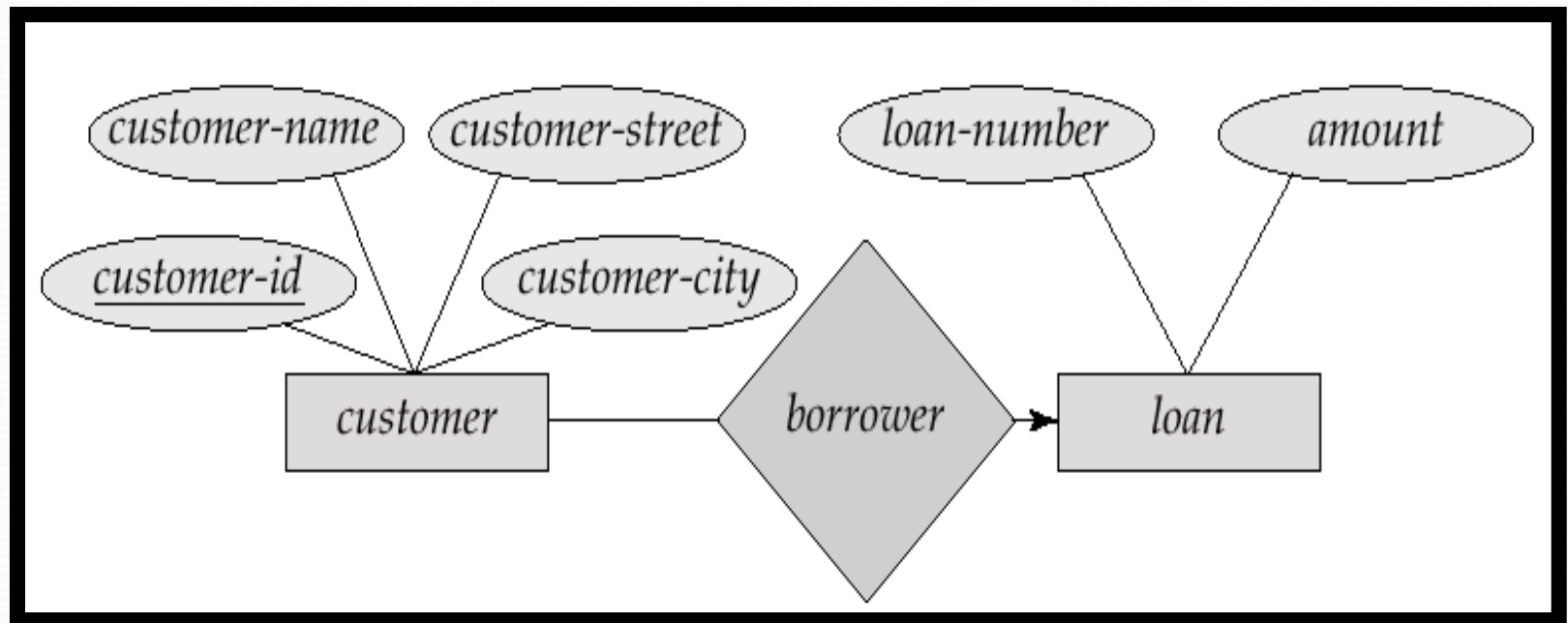
- In the **one-to-many relationship** a loan is associated with at most one customer via *borrower*, a customer is associated with several (including 0) loans via *borrower*



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### • Cardinality Constraints

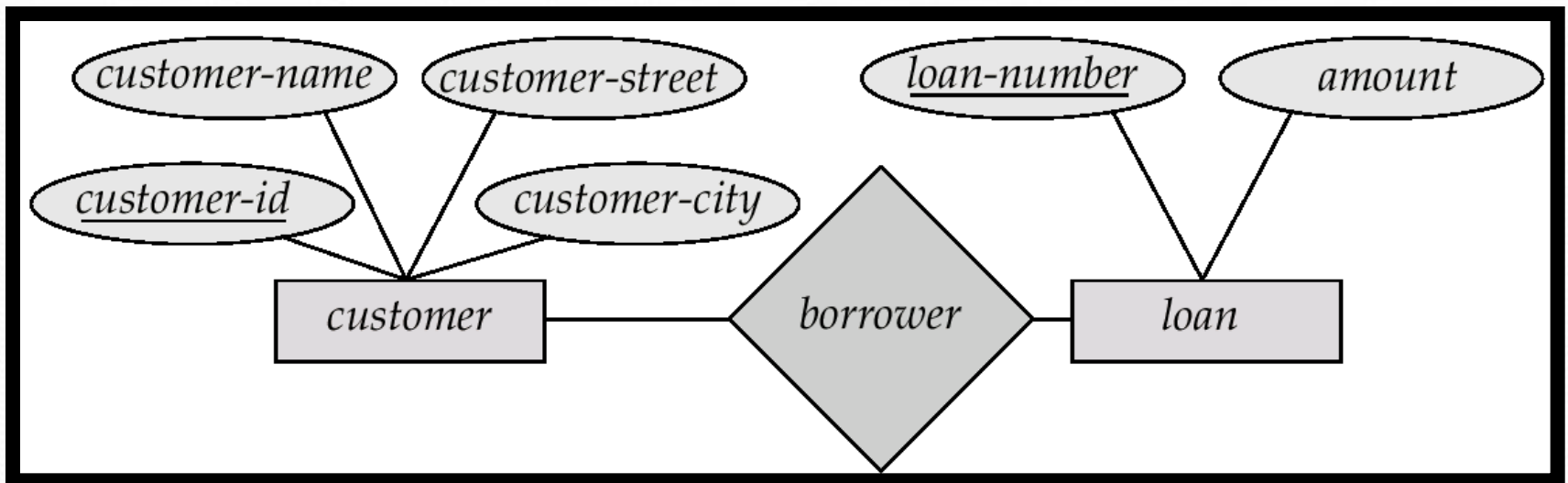
- In a **many-to-one relationship** a loan is associated with several (including 0) customers via *borrower*, a customer is associated with at most one loan via *borrower*



## E-R Model Contd...

### • Cardinality Constraints

- A customer is associated with several (possibly 0) loans via borrower
- A loan is associated with several (possibly 0) customers via borrower



## E-R Model Contd...



Entity



Relationship



Attribute



Weak Entity



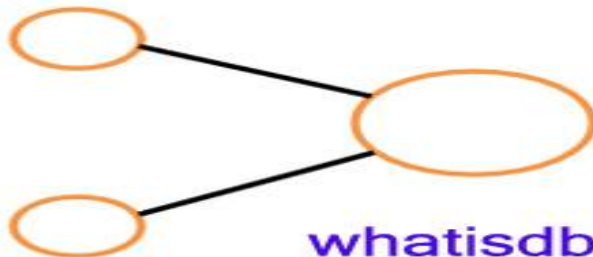
Weak Entity  
Relationship



Multivalued  
Attribute



Key Attribute



Composite  
Attribute



## E-R Model Contd...

